(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and by when the concerned agencies are likely to take appropriate action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Inconvenience due to Iron Gates

†1306. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Housing Welfare Associations and the residents of private colonies are getting big iron gates installed in their respective colonies in the name of security due to which the common passages and the paths connecting two areas are getting obstructed and people are facing difficulties in movements; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider removal of the unnecessarily installed gates and also making it obligatory to obtain No Objection Certificate from the local authorities before installing a gate because people are parking their cars right in the middle of the road behind the gates?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Residents' Welfare Associations in various colonies are reported to have installed iron gates as a security measure. There have been few representations against erection of such gates. A public interest petition was also filed in the Delhi High Court in this regard. The Hon'ble High Court in its order dated 27th May, 2003, directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Police authorities to frame norms in the matter. The MCD has now made it mandatory to obtain No Objection Certificate from the Police Authorities as well as Fire Department before granting permission for erection of gates in residential colonies.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.